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Pasta & Bingo to Support Recovery Housing



Local nonprofit and recovery residence St. Martin Foundation will host its fourth annual Pasta & Bingo Night starting at 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 at the Littleton Community Center, 410 Civic Drive. Courtesy photos

By MPG Staff

GALT, CA (MPG) - The fourth annual St. Martin Foundation Pasta & Bingo Night will take place at 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 at the Littleton Community Center, raising funds to support the ongoing work of a local recovery residence that provides transitional housing and support services for individuals battling addiction.

Founded in 2022 by local barbershop owner Mark Jackson, the nonprofit offers transitional housing for men leaving rehabilitation programs. The residence works to



The annual Pasta & Bingo Night fundraiser brings the community together for a pasta dinner and bingo games, with proceeds helping to sustain the St. Martin Foundation's recovery and housing services.

reduce homelessness among those transitioning out of alcohol and addiction treatment, serving veterans and non-veterans

alike as they move toward independent living.

In addition to housing, St. Martin Foundation assists participants

with reintegrating into society by offering practical support such as job search assistance and

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Council Reduces Fees to Boost Multifamily, Infill Construction



By John McCallum

GALT, CA (MPG) - The City Council unanimously adopted a resolution at its Feb. 3 meeting reducing some construction fees in the hope it will spur developers to build more multifamily projects and residential units on smaller parcels in the city.

The resolution implements a two-year reduction on certain impact fees in order to help developers with costs preventing them from proceeding with various infill and multifamily projects in Galt. The measure reduces traffic impact and recreation impact fees by 75% while eliminating the policy document maintenance and recovery fee, a fee calculated by taking the total valuation of construction times \$0.0031.

Assistant City Manager Amie Mendes told council these projects are often challenging to do, with infill constrained by irregularly shaped, smaller sites, aging existing infrastructure and smaller-sized units leading to decreased return on investments. Multifamily projects experience increasing construction costs, high interest rates on loans, impact fee "burdens" and lower rental revenue in Galt due to its distance from larger urban job centers such as Stockton and Sacramento.

Mendes said these factors have led a number of projects to "stall," adding the last apartment complex built in the city was in 2008.

"So it's been 18 years since we had a multifamily built in Galt," she added.

Fee reductions for both development types are contingent upon several factors. For infill, the parcel size must be 10 acres or less, be located in one of six zones and previously developed for urban uses or have adjoining parcels with urban uses on 75% of its perimeter. Multifamily developments must be in one of three zones, be a minimum of 10 acres and provide residential housing, including townhomes, other than single-family detached structures.

Both infill and multifamily fee reductions are only available to developers' selling units and not utilizing "additional infrastructure financing programs that result in a future assessment on the

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Local Love: Valentine's Weekend in Galt



Residents can celebrate Valentine's Day by shopping local, with Galt businesses offering themed gifts and treats, including Valentine's Day cake pops at Something Sweet Bakery, 440 C St. Photo courtesy of Something Sweet Bakery

By Idaly Valencia

GALT, CA (MPG) - With Valentine's Day landing on a weekend, Galt residents have plenty of opportunities to celebrate without leaving town. From creative classes and themed markets to romantic dinners and dancing, local events offer something for couples, families and friends looking to celebrate the ones they love.

Valentine's Day Paint Night

The Galt Parks and Recreation Department will host two themed Valentine's Day paint nights at The Color Wheel from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13 and Saturday, Feb. 14.

The first session on Feb. 13 involves parents and children ages 7 and older to paint together for \$60 per pair. On Feb. 14, adult duos ages 18 and older can participate in their own session for \$80 per pair.

The Color Wheel is located at 305 4th St. Registration is available at bit.ly/GaltParksRecActivities.

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Valentine's Day specials at Brewsters Kitchen & Cocktails in Old Town (201 4th St.) will include ribeye steak, prime rib, New York steak and pork loin. Herald file photo

Luke Bryan to Perform May 16 at Mahon Ranch

By MPG Staff

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The city of Elk Grove announced in its latest newsletter that country music star Luke Bryan is set to perform at 6 p.m. May 16 at Mahon Ranch, as part of his 2026 Farm Tour.

Bryan, an acclaimed American country singer and songwriter, rose to fame with his breakout album "Crash My Party," in 2013 which earned him

the Album of the Decade award from the Academy of Country Music. His chart-topping hits include "Country Girl (Shake It for Me)" and "Play It Again." He also serves as a judge on national singing competition show American Idol.

Launched in 2009, Bryan's Farm Tour is designed to give back to rural and farming communities, with proceeds supporting charitable programs for farming families. The tour is sponsored by

Bayer Global, which plans to donate one million meals through nonprofit Feeding America. Donations will be collected through food drives at Farm Tour stop locations as part of Bayer's "Take Care, Now" campaign.

The show will mark the Farm Tour's first time stopping in Elk Grove, with the outdoor concert scheduled at the 500-acre Mahon Ranch (10171 Grant Line Road), about a 13-minute drive from Galt and can be



Country music star Luke Bryan will make his first Elk Grove appearance May 16 with a performance at Mahon Ranch, 10171 Grant Line Road, about a 13-minute drive from Galt. Photo courtesy of City of Elk Grove

reached via the Highway 99 northbound exit at Grant Line Road.

Pre-sale tickets went live Feb. 9, with official tickets going on sale

Feb. 12. General admission ticket prices start at \$89, and VIP tickets going for \$252 (ticket prices shown before tax and fees). More information

available at lukebryan.com/farm-tour-2026.

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property (i.e., Statewide Community Infrastructure Program or "SCIP" financing)."

Mendes said there would be some impact to city revenues from fees, although how much would depend on how many stalled or new projects utilizing the reductions get underway. According to the example in the report, a seven-unit apartment complex valued at \$1.55 million would see traffic and recreation fees drop by \$93,474 (30%) from \$310,385 to \$216,911.

Staff noted impacts to traffic and recreation funding should not be as dramatic as infill development utilizes existing roadway and park

facilities, and these fees generally go towards new infrastructure construction.

The Policy Document Maintenance and Recovery Fee of \$4,830 would also be eliminated.

While fee revenue would decrease temporarily, city funds would realize an increase in property taxes from these newly developed parcels. As an example, Galt is currently receiving \$274 in property taxes from an undeveloped, 9,000-square-foot residential lot valued at \$130,000.

If a 1,650-square-foot single-family residence were built on that lot, the tax received would increase to \$1,054, amounting to a 285% increase over the undeveloped parcel. A three-acre

high density lot valued at \$500,000 is generating \$738 in property tax for the city, while if that same lot had a 15-unit condo valued at \$2.5 million built on it, it would return \$5,269 to city coffers, a 614% increase.

"So the property tax increase obviously is a benefit to the community or to the city as these properties develop," Mendes said.

During discussions, council expressed some concerns, mainly over some of the resolution's language and potential loss of fee revenue. Vice Mayor Tim Reed, doing math using staff provided statistics, noted the difference in loss of fee revenue versus gaining property tax revenue for both multifamily

and single-family developments was substantial.

"It goes into possibly decades for us to get our money back," Reed said.

City Manager Chris Erias accepted Reed's calculations, but added the intent of the temporary reduction program is not to have increased property taxes through construction offset lost fee revenue. The intent is to incentivize construction on vacant property that is incurring other costs to the city besides minimal property tax revenues.

"The property sitting vacant actually costs you money," Elias said. "They cost money in code enforcement, police activity and then really, you know, the blight on the

city." Elias said there are "numerous other reasons" for developing these properties, reasons that lead to "smart growth" where development is taking place on existing internal properties rather than larger "greenfield" developments leading to urban sprawl.

He added the multifamily reductions could also apply to greenfield multifamily developments as well, leading to "multifamily that we want."

Councilman Shawn Farmer expressed concerns about townhomes, how the city defined them and if that definition prevented misuse of the fee reductions by developers who might build "20 acres

of townhomes." Elias, reading the city's definition of townhomes, said the Municipal Code should prevent that misuse.

Farmer also expressed concerns about the multifamily lot size requirement of a minimum of 10 acres, feeling that was too open, again, for misuse where a developer could come and build a multifamily complex and sell the units instead of renting them. He said it would something defeating one of the city's intentions in the resolution of providing more affordable housing options.

Council agreed to include an amendment to the original resolution that the fee reductions apply only to multifamily projects with rental units. ★

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Chamber Members Discuss State, Local Issues with Niello



Pictured from left are Councilmember Shawn Farmer, Vice Mayor Tim Reed, State Sen. Roger Niello, Mayor Bonnie Rodriguez and Galt Chamber of Commerce Director Kat Seabolt at the Coffee Shop Bakery on Jan 30. Photo courtesy of Galt Chamber of Commerce

State Sen. Roger Niello speaks with Galt Chamber of Commerce members during the "Coffee & Community" mini town hall at the Coffee Shop Bakery on Friday, Jan. 30. Photo by Idaly Valencia

By Idaly Valencia

GALT, CA (MPG) - California State Sen. Roger Niello, in collaboration with the Galt Chamber of Commerce, hosted a mini town hall called "Coffee &

Community" at the Coffee Shop Bakery on Friday, Jan. 30, welcoming local business owners for a conversation on state and local issues.

During the hour-long event, Niello, who

represents District 6 (which includes the cities of Galt and Herald in Sacramento County) answered questions from chamber members on current legislation and issues being debated at the state

level. Topics ranged from new laws, including the mileage tax law, to local concerns such as housing and growth in the city, giving attendees insight into how state policy intersects

with community priorities. Niello and his staff connected directly with members, offering to follow up on topics raised during the discussion and explore ways his office could assist.

Members of the Galt City Council were also present to help facilitate the discussion, including Councilmember Shawn Farmer, Mayor Bonnie Rodriguez and Vice Mayor Tim Reed. ★

Micke Grove Zoo Launches New Website

San Joaquin County Parks & Recreation News Release

LODI, CA (MPG) - Micke Grove Zoo, part of San Joaquin County's Parks and Recreation Division within the general services department, announced the launch of its newly redesigned website, offering a fresh look, improved navigation and expanded content for visitors.

The new website provides an enhanced digital experience, making it easier for the public to explore animal information, conservation efforts, educational programs, events, admissions and hours of operation.

Designed to be user-friendly on both desktop and mobile devices, the site helps visitors plan their visit and stay connected with the zoo.

Key features of the new website include streamlined navigation for quick access to essential information; mobile-friendly design for on-the-go visitors; expanded

animal and exhibit pages with additional photos and videos; and improved visibility for programs, events and conservation initiatives.

The website was developed through a collaborative effort between division staff and the website project team within the county's information systems department, combining subject-matter expertise with modern design and functionality.

Micke Grove Zoo has long been a valued community destination, and the new website represents an important step forward in enhancing how the public engages with the zoo both online and in-person.

Visitors are encouraged to explore the site, learn more about the zoo's conservation work and plan their visit. For more information about Micke Grove Zoo, upcoming events or educational opportunities, visit the new website at mgzoo.com, contact 209-953-8800 or email parks@sjgov.org. ★

City Offers 'Real World Ready' Classes for Young Adults



The City of Galt announced in its latest newsletter that the Parks and Recreation Department will host a "Real World Ready" class series beginning Feb. 25, designed to help young adults and adults build practical skills and confidence for everyday life. Photo courtesy of City of Galt

City of Galt News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - Transitioning into adulthood comes with new responsibilities, and the right knowledge can make all the difference. Real World Ready is a class series designed to help young adults, and adults,

build practical skills and confidence for everyday life.

Topics include income tax basics, how laws are made, managing money and credit, job search skills, and tips for home, health and hobbies.

Classes meet from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays,

beginning Feb. 25. The cost is \$25 for five visits. Gain the skills you need to navigate life with confidence.

Enroll at bit.ly/RealWorldReadyGalt. Reach out to Galt Parks and Recreation for any questions at galtpandr@ci.galt.ca.us or call 209-366-7180. ★

Pasta & Bingo to Support Recovery Housing



St. Martin Foundation founder Mark Jackson (back row, second from left) poses for a photo with pasta dinner attendees in 2024, including from left, his mother, Cece Overtton, Sacramento County Supervisor Pat Hume and City Councilmember Shawn Farmer. Courtesy photo

Continued from page 1 help securing permanent housing. The program is designed to bridge the gap between recovery programs and long-term stability, equipping residents with tools to rebuild their lives.

The annual fundraiser brings the community together for a pasta dinner

and bingo games, with proceeds helping to sustain the foundation's recovery and housing services. Raffle tickets will be available for \$1, and additional bingo cards will be sold for \$5 to \$10. Adult tickets are \$40, while children's tickets are \$25. Admission includes a pasta dinner, five bingo games and a door prize.

A no-host bar will also be available.

The Littleton Community Center is located at 410 Civic Drive. Tickets can be purchased by calling Jackson at 916-494-8282. For more information about Saint Martin Foundation, follow @smfinc22 on Instagram. ★

Local Love: Valentine's Weekend in Galt

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Galentine's Market

The Galt Chamber of Commerce will host its Galentine's Market at 6 p.m. Feb. 13 at Papas & Wings, offering a night out focused on celebrating friendship and supporting local businesses.

Vendors include Ink House Merch with a custom hat bar, Rising Soul Jewelry, Barkuterie by Brynna, Erica's Cookie Co., Oh Soy Naturals and Sam Monks Flower Farm. The event will also feature appetizers, wine tasting from Barsetti Vineyards, a DJ and swag bags for attendees.

Tickets are \$35 for individuals or \$60 for two and can be purchased at bit.ly/3Zpk2Ix (case sensitive).

Shop for Gifts Locally

Residents can also celebrate Valentine's Day by shopping local, with several Galt businesses offering themed gifts and treats.

In its latest newsletter, the City of Galt highlighted Sheila's Country Rose Florist (835 C St. Suite 190), Aroma Bakery (241 S. Lincoln Way) offering heart-shaped conchas (sweet bread), Something Sweet Bakery (440 C St.) offering Valentine cake pops, Fancy Donuts (1067 C St. Suite 130) for shareable dozens and Mountain Mike's

Pizza (10400 Twin Cities Road) with heart-shaped pizzas.

Romantic Dinner at Brewsters

Brewsters Kitchen & Cocktails in Old Town will offer Valentine's Day specials for those planning a dinner date close to home.

Specials include a ribeye steak for \$32, prime rib for \$32, a New York steak for \$30 and a pork loin for \$25. The kitchen is paired with a full bar and 12 beer taps. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 209-251-7258. Brewsters is located at 201 4th St.

Line Dance at 'Club Pastosa'

Restaurant Pastosa by Lucia will host a line dance class from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, offering another way to celebrate the holiday weekend.

The beginner-friendly class, led by professional dancer Terrell Renee, will include step-by-step instruction followed by a DJ-led open floor.

Tickets are \$15 and include appetizers and one drink ticket for beer or wine. Tickets are available at bit.ly/4rwFLdv (case sensitive).

Pastosa by Lucia is located at 545 Industrial Drive. ★

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



A Win is Just Around the Corner

There's an old saying, "it's always darkest before the dawn. Well, for the Sacramento Kings the dawn is here and very real.

Nursing a 12-game losing streak fans are more than ready to put the darkness away and welcome in the dawn. Currently, the Kings have the worst record in basketball at 12-42, and have lost four consecutive close games to Washington, Memphis, the LA Clippers and the Cleveland Cavaliers. All told the Kings lost by a total of 17 points total over a four-game span!

Many have remarked that the Kings are not as bad as their record, and if that's true, why is their record the worst in basketball?

Look no further than the resplendent coaching staff led by Doug Christie, and I say that tongue in cheek.

The game rotations are so frenetic that no one even has a guess as to who will and who will not enter the game at any given time.

Perhaps the best 3-point shooter on the team was suddenly awakened and asked to contribute six minutes in the last loss against the Cavaliers. Yes, none other than the forgotten man Doug McDermott. Someone I would like to see on a regular basis, but I have no such aspirations. Doug took one shot and returned to the bench for the rest of the contest.

Professionals simply can't succeed on a regular basis when they have no idea whether they will play or not.

While I agree with coach Christie playing the younger players given the current record, everyone on this team needs to clearly understand their role, and this team does not.

I have long wanted to see what first round draft choice Devin Carter has to offer, and finally he has managed to crack the lineup, and with notable success.

In the Cleveland game Carter was actually given 27 minutes and contributed 18 points! In addition, he had 4 rebounds, 4 assists and was 2-5 from beyond the arc. Likewise in the Clipper contest Carter contributed 14 points in just 22 minutes, adding once again 4 rebounds and 4 assists.

Constantly mentioned in trade rumors,

it's time to find out what the Kings really have in a player that has been used sparingly and appears to have a big upside.

Recently, coach Christie has been putting him on the floor alongside Nique Clifford, and the tandem has produced good results.

Whether Carter and Clifford play the 1 or the 2, it's high time to find out what they each can bring to the floor every night.

Another bright spot has been the animated play of fan favorite Dylan Cardwell, who has demonstrated not only a penchant for blocking shots, but has been putting up double-doubles on a nightly basis.

Have the Kings finally found a big man to compliment Domantas Sabonis? They very well may have, and with addition of De'Andre Hunter fans are wondering what this lineup will look like when a healthy Keegan Murray returns.

No one wants to hear excuses, but the Sacramento Kings have been the walking wounded of the NBA for the vast majority of the season, and what everyone is waiting for is a healthy team that can give us an honest look into what the future may look like.

Scott Perry thankfully has resisted opportunities to trade Domantas Sabonis thus far, and I for one want to see this team build around a proven winner and someone with an attitude that is difficult to match.

Even with rotations that make fans scratch their heads, the Sacramento Kings are showing signs of life, and the recent games have been fun to watch.

Let's see if this coaching staff can bring it together and run off some impressive wins.

Nothing has been cast in stone except for the faithfulness of the Sacramento fan base, so let's give these gladiators the best we have!

The first 20 games of the season, the Kings were given one of the roughest schedules in the league, but that also means that the schedule is about to get easier.

Gird your loins Kings fans, because it's just possible that the missing piece may be either in the upcoming draft or just around the corner!

All the best! ★

Once Soaring Population Has Hit a Plateau, So Will its National Political Clout



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

The federal Census Bureau annually announces new population numbers for the country and its 50 states based on calculations of how births, deaths and migration have changed the numbers from July 1 to June 30 of the previous year.

The state Department of Finance annually announces a new California population numbers, based on its calculations of those same demographic factors during the same 12-month period.

The numbers often differ, and in past years differentials of a million persons or more have emerged from the two agencies' California calculations.

In December, the state agency declared that as of last July, California's population was 39.529 million, a gain of 19,200 since 2024. Although arithmetically insignificant, the tiny gain was hailed by officialdom and media as proof that California is no longer losing people.

Last month, the Census Bureau released its latest estimates, fixing California's population at 39.355 million, a decline of 9,465 souls from the previous year. It implies that California's slide, which began in the COVID-18 pandemic, is still happening, with a net loss of 200,394 residents since the

2020 census.

Although the 174,000 difference between the two numbers is relatively tiny, from a sociopolitical standpoint one shows growth while the other shows shrinkage. Thus California officialdom claims that predictions of the state's impending collapse are false, while its critics say California is still in decline.

There is, however, no doubt that California is, at best, at a population plateau — either gaining or losing very slowly after a 175-year history of sometimes stunning levels of population growth. During the 1980-90 decade, for example, the state's population soared by about 6 million people, a nearly 25% gain, thanks to high levels of immigration and a lofty birth rate.

Its current stasis, whatever the exact numbers, reflects stagnant levels of foreign migration, a much lower birth rate and an ongoing net loss in state-to-state migration.

Hans Johnson and Eric McGhee, demographers for the Public Policy Institute of California, have charted that trend and in a recent report declare, "This migration, over the decades, has the power to reshape the state. From 2010 through 2024 (the year of the latest data) almost 10 million people moved from California to other states, while just over 7 million people moved to California from other parts of the country, according to the American Community Survey. In fact, according to Department of Finance estimates, the state has lost residents to other states every year since 2001."

PPIC found that most of those leaving the state

are adults without college degrees. Texas is their top destination, and one could assume they are fleeing high living costs.

California is not alone in population stagnation or loss. New York and Illinois are two others and, overall, slow- or no-growth states tend to be politically blue, while the big gainers, such as Texas, Florida and the fastest grower, South Carolina, lean to the right.

The growth differential between red and blue states will likely bite the latter after the 2030 census, when the nation's 435 congressional seats are divvied up. Two new studies by reputable organizations project that California and other major blue states will lose a chunk of seats to fast-growing red states, based on the new Census Bureau data.

The American Redistricting Project and Jonathon Vervas at Carnegie Mellon University both see California losing four of its 52 seats, Texas gaining four and Florida getting either two or four.

The shift of congressional seats, of course, also shifts presidential electoral votes, meaning Republican candidates' prospects will improve and those of Democrats will decline after 2030.

There's an old saying that demographics are destiny. What's happening now underscores that truism.

Dan Walters is one of the most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state's political, economic, social and demographic trends. ★

Social Security Matters

Why is my Social Security Retirement Benefit So Small?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: Can you help me understand? I have paid into Social Security since I started working in 1978. I did have a lot of tax deductions, but I don't understand why I only receive \$350 a month from Social Security. **Signed: Befuddled Senior**

Dear Befuddled Senior: Your Social Security benefit is based upon your average monthly earnings for the 35 years over your lifetime that you earned the most while contributing to the Social Security program (however, your benefit isn't based on your contributions to SS). Your average lifetime earnings amount is called your "AIME" or "Average Indexed Monthly Earnings," which are adjusted for inflation for years before you turn 60. Your earnings (your net earnings if self-employed) are provided to the SSA by the IRS. Your average lifetime earnings number (your "AIME") is subjected to a formula which calculates your "Primary Insurance Amount" or "PIA," which is the SS benefit you receive if you start benefits in the month you reach your full retirement age. Your personal full retirement age (FRA) depends on the year you were born which, if you were born in 1960 or later, is age 67.

However, if you claim Social Security before reaching your FRA, you will get only a percentage of your PIA (reduced from what you would get if you claimed at your FRA).

For example, if you claimed at age 62, you would only get 70% of the amount you would have gotten had you waited until age 67, or if you claimed at age 63 you would get 75% of your age 67 benefit. The reduction is less as you get closer to your FRA; if you claimed at age 65, you'd get about 87% of your full retirement age amount.

You can see your lifetime Social Security earnings record at your personal "my Social Security" online account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount (you will need to first create that online account), or you can call Social Security at 1.800.772.1213 to request an "Earnings Statement" be sent to you. That statement will show your lifetime earnings by year, the 35 highest of which were used to calculate your PIA (your Social Security benefit at your FRA). Generally, your Social Security FRA benefit will be about 40% or less of your average indexed monthly earnings.

So, to recap, your SS retirement benefit isn't based on your contributions to the program; it's based on your average monthly lifetime earnings. If you had less than 35 years contributing to the program, SS would still use 35 years in the benefit formula by using zero dollars in earnings for some number of years, which would result in a smaller AIME. Thus, if you claimed before your full

retirement age of 67, your SS benefit was reduced because you claimed early. And if you had less than 35 years of SS-covered employment, your AIME was less, resulting in a smaller PIA. And that is likely why your monthly Social Security retirement benefit is low.

One other thought to consider: if you are married and your spouse's monthly SS benefit is considerably more than yours (e.g., more than twice as much as yours), you may want to explore your options for spouse benefits.

I hope this explains how your SS benefit is calculated, but if you still question your monthly SS retirement amount, I suggest you first obtain your "Earnings Statement" to review the lifetime earnings SS has on file for you. If there are any discrepancies in your Social Security's earnings record, there are correction remedies available to you. If that is the case, please feel free to contact us again for more information.

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Don't Abuse the Word 'Protest'

often quite different. Run-of-the-mill protesters don't seek out federal agents and harass and obstruct them. They don't follow and block their vehicles or establish a robust communications network to deploy resources to create maximum disruption of their operations.

Pretti was part of this effort, which is more a form of low-level and (by and large) nonviolent insurgency than conventional protest. In his first confrontation, 11 days before his death, Pretti was every bit an anti-ICE street brawler. He challenged, at close quarters, an agent to assault him, while screaming insults at him. He spat on a federal vehicle and kicked out its taillight.

If Pretti was an "observer," in the euphemism preferred by anti-ICE politicians and activists, he was observing how much unhinged behavior he could get away with. There's no doubt that at this event, he was the violent instigator.

After Pretti damaged the vehicle, agents got out and pushed him to the ground. For all the talk of ICE being the equivalent of the Gestapo, they didn't even bother to arrest him, despite his having committed a crime. If he'd been arrested and charged, Pretti might never have shown up at the other ICE operation and would still be with us today.

That Pretti, we now know, made it a practice to court violent encounters with federal agents while armed was incredibly irresponsible. He was fortunate that the first struggle didn't escalate into some-

thing much more hazardous to him and to others if an agent had noticed his gun.

The firearm wouldn't have been an issue in the second incident, meanwhile, if he'd really been protesting. If that were the case, he would have stayed on the sidewalk and held up a sign, or chanted, "ICE go home," and the officers might have been annoyed, but there never would have been an interaction to potentially go catastrophically wrong.

The calculation in Minneapolis, though, has been that this kind of benign activity is less effective than direct action, and unfortunately --with public opinion swinging against Operation Metro Surge -- this assessment looks to be accurate.

Why simply express a point of view when you can act to stop arrests and to create a hostile, threatening environment for agents?

This doesn't mean that Pretti got what he deserved, or that the officers acted appropriately. It does mean that the state and city officials should have been telling people not to "monitor" DHS activity, but to stay well clear of legitimate law-enforcement activities.

Reasonable people can disagree about the desirability of the goal that Pretti was pursuing, but there's no doubt about how he was going about it, and it didn't involve conventional protest.

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TRUSTEE SALE

TS No. 2512041052 Notice Of Default And Foreclosure Sale U.S. Department Of Housing And Urban Development Recorded in accordance with 12 USCA 3764 (c) APN 150-0410-032-0000 Property Address: 551 Bernier Cir Galt, CA 95632 Title Order No.: 95532837 Whereas, on 7/6/2005, a certain Deed of Trust was executed by Sonja J. Klabunde, a widow as trustor in favor of Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a Subsidiary of Indymac Bank, F.S.B. as beneficiary, and Diamond Country Escrow, CA as trustee, and was recorded on 7/20/2005, as Book 20050720, Page 0684, in the Office of the County Recorder of

Sacramento County, California; and Whereas, the Deed of Trust was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and Whereas, the beneficial interest in the Deed of Trust is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an Assignment of Deed of Trust dated 9/22/2017, recorded on 10/6/2017, as instrument number 201710061265, in the Office of the County Recorder, Sacramento County, California; and Whereas, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Deed of Trust in that the payment due on 11/29/2025, was not made and remains wholly unpaid as of the

date of this notice, and no payment has been made sufficient to restore the loan to currency; and Whereas, the entire amount delinquent as of 3/3/2026 is \$468,846.16; and Whereas, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust to be immediately due and payable; Now Therefore, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of Total Lender Solutions, Inc.. as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on 9/12/2018 as instrument number 201809121475, notice is hereby given that on 3/3/2026 at

1:30 PM local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder: Legal Description: Lot 31, As Shown On The Map Of "Plat Of Mitchell Estates" Filed January 10, 1992, In Book Of Maps 220, Map No. 12, Records Of Said County. Commonly known as: 551 Bernier Cir, Galt, CA 95632 The sale will be held at East main entrance to County Courthouse 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid an estimate of \$468,846.16. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale. When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling \$46,884.61 [10% of the Secretary's bid] in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. Each oral bid need not be accompanied by a deposit. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$46,884.61 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the high bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveyancing fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them. The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due. If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD Field Office representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD field office Representative, offer the Property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder. There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the

mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant. The amount that must be paid if the Mortgage is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale is \$468,490.48, as of 3/2/2026, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement. Date: 1/14/2026 Total Lender Solutions, Inc. U.S. Dept. of HUD Foreclosure Commissioner By: Rachel Seropian 10505 Sorrento Valley Road, Suite 125 San Diego, CA, 92121 Phone: 866-535-3736 Fax: 866-242-8599 A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document. State Of CA County Of San Diego On 1/21/2026 before me, Kimberly Alise Lokey, a notary public personally appeared, Rachel Seropian who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument. I certify under Penalty Of Perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct. Witness my hand and official seal. Kimberly Alise Lokey (Seal) Published 1/30/2026. 2/6/2026, 2/13/2026 THE GALT HERALD 2-13-26

savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: **MARIELLE VICTORIA BALAEI, A SINGLE WOMAN**Duly Appointed Trustee: ZBS LAW, LLP Deed of Trust recorded 7/13/2023, as Instrument No. 202307130828, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, Date of Sale: **3/17/2026** at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: East Main Entrance, Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **\$490,215.02**Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt owed. Street Address or other common designation of real property: **924 POSEY STREET GALT, CALIFORNIA 95632**Described as follows: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST.A.P.N #: **148-1190-004-0000**The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale.**NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALT REPEALING AND READOPTING CHAPTER 15.28 OF THE GALT MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION AND ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2025 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE AND MAKING LOCAL AMENDMENTS

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Galt ("City") is authorized pursuant to California Health and Safety Code sections 13143 and 13145 and Government Code section 50022.2 to adopt and amend fire regulations and standards; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 California Fire Code ("2025 CFC"), Part 9 of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations, has been adopted by the State of California and published by the International Code Council; and

WHEREAS, the City previously adopted a California Fire Code and local amendments codified in Chapter 15.28 of the Galt Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to ratify the adoption and enforcement of the 2025 California Fire Code, while carrying forward the City's existing local amendments without substantive change; and

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2026, the City gave public notice of a City Council public hearing to be held to consider Ordinance No. 2026-XX, by advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the local amendments previously adopted remain reasonably necessary because of local climatic, geological, and topographical conditions, as more fully set forth in prior ordinances on file with the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is intended to ratify, confirm, and validate all actions taken by the City to enforce the California Fire Code during the transition to the 2025 edition, and is not intended to impose new or retroactive obligations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that adoption of this ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15061(b) (3) and 15308, because it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALT, CALIFORNIA, does ordain as follows:

- SECTION 1. Findings..**
- SECTION 2. Purpose..**
- SECTION 3. Authority.**
- SECTION 4. Local Amendments to California Fire Code.**
- SECTION 5. No Mandatory Duty**
- SECTION 6. Severability**
- SECTION 7. Conflict and Repeal**
- SECTION 8. Effective Date and Publication**

This Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after its adoption. Within fifteen (15) days after its adoption, the City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance, or a summary of it, to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Galt.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced and the title thereof read at the regular meeting of the City Council the 20th day of January, 2026 and by unanimous vote of the City Council members present, further reading was waived.

On motion by Council Member Reed, seconded by Council Member Pratton, the foregoing ordinance was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Galt at a regular meeting thereof, this 3rd day of February, 2026 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:	Council Members:	Reed, Pratton, Sandhu, Farmer, Rodriguez
NOES:	Council Members:	
ABSTAIN:	Council Members:	
ABSENT:	Council Members:	

/s/ Bonnie Rodriguez

MAYOR, City of Galt

/s/ Tina Hubert

City Clerk, City of Galt

A certified copy of the full text of this ordinance is posted in and available for public review at the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Galt, located at 380 Civic Drive, Galt, California

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Galt, California, will receive sealed Bids as follows:

- BID DATE / TIME / AWARD DATE:** Wednesday, March 18, 2026 Until 1:00 P.M. (Local Time/Pacific Time).
- SUBMIT BIDS TO:** City Clerk
City of Galt
380 Civic Drive
Galt, CA 95632
- FOR:** Walker Community Park – Phase 2A, CIP 625A
- ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST:** \$6,250,000
- TOTAL CONTRACT TIME:** 130 working days
- CONTRACTOR'S CALIFORNIA LICENSE AND/OR CLASS REQUIRED** A

The scope of work consists of adding three new baseball/softball fields, restroom buildings, parking lot expansion, maintenance building, fencing and gates, concession area, field lighting, and pedestrian connections. The work consists of grading and drainage, site utilities, landscaping, electrical lighting, concrete sidewalk, and ADA improvements and work with the City Engineer, City Inspector and Helix Engineer to ensure work is completed to the proper standards.

Notice is hereby further given that the Project is a public works project within the requirements of Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1 of the California Labor Code, and that each Bidder and all Subcontractors are required to be registered pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 at the time of bidding. **Failure of the Bidder to be registered at the time of bidding shall render the Bid non-responsive and unavailable for award. A Subcontractor who is unregistered will not be permitted to work on the Project. If any Subcontractor required to be listed in the Bid is unregistered, that Subcontractor will be required to be substituted with a registered Subcontractor at no additional cost to the City and/or the listing of an unregistered Subcontractor may render the bid nonresponsive. Bidders shall provide the registration numbers for all listed Subcontractors with and registration numbers of all Subcontractors who are not required to be listed not later than 24 hours before they are to start work on the Project.**

FEDERAL AND GRANT REQUIREMENTS

This project is funded in part by the Land and Water Conservation Fund administered by the National Park Service through California State Parks. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and grant requirements associated with this funding.

Land and Water Conversation Fund Signage

The Contractor shall furnish and install required LWCF construction signage and post-completion signage in accordance with LWCF requirements. Construction signage shall include the percentage and dollar amounts of federal and non-federal funding. Post-completion signage shall include the required LWCF acknowledgment statement. Refer to the Contract Documents for detailed sign specifications.

Build America Buy America

This project is subjected to Build America Buy America requirements for iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials, unless an approved waiver applies.

Debarment and Suspension

Bidders, contractors, and subcontractors shall now be suspended or debarred from participation in federally assisted contracts.

Tribal Monitoring Coordination

The project includes tribal monitoring requirements. The Contractor shall coordinate with the designated tribal representative and comply with the Tribal Monitoring Plan and associated agreements included in the Contract Documents.

City affirmatively identifies this project as a "public work" as that term is defined by Labor Code

Section 1720, and the project is, therefore, subject to prevailing wages under Labor Code Section 1771. Contractor and its Subcontractors shall fully comply with all the provisions of the California Labor Code governing the performance of public works contracts including, but not

limited to, payment of prevailing wages, limitations on time worked, compliance with apprentice requirements, maintenance of payroll records, posting of wages at the job site and prohibitions against discrimination. Prevailing wage determinations available at www.dir.ca.gov. Those prevailing wage rates hereby are incorporated in this Contract and made a part hereof. (See General Provisions, Chapter 6.)

Submit Bids (original/no copies) and bid security in a sealed envelope, marked "**Bid for CITY OF GALT Walker Community Park – Phase 2A, CIP 625A**" and include the company name and address on the envelope.

The contractor may view/print the project bid documents and check for addenda at the link below. The contractor should call the Clerk's office and request to be included on the Plan Holder's List for addenda. Visit the webpage and select the applicable project:

<https://www.cityofgalt.org/government/public-works-department/bid-cip-construction-projects>

Complete sets of Contract Documents must be used in preparing Bids. The City does not assume responsibility for errors or misinterpretations resulting from the use of incomplete sets of Contract Documents. The City, in making copies of the Contract Documents available on the above terms, does so only for the purpose of obtaining Bids for the Work and does not confer license or grant for any other use.

Written questions regarding this Invitation for Bids should be directed to **Betsy Flores** by email at bflores@cityofgalt.org no later than ten (10) calendar days before the time specified for opening Bids. The City will issue addenda seven (7) calendar days, or as deemed appropriate, prior to the time specified for opening Bids. All emails shall require verification of receipt by sender in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Bidders shall develop and submit Bids at their own expense. The City will not reimburse any costs associated with the development and submittal of any and all Bids.

Each Bid must be submitted on the Bid Forms provided in the Contract Documents. The Bid must be submitted and received by the City Clerk no later than the time and date prescribed. The clock located in the City Clerk office is considered the official local time. Bid submissions received after the designated time will not be opened and will be returned to the Bidder unopened. Telephones will not be available to Bidders at the City's offices for the preparation of Bids.

Each Bid must also be accompanied by security in the form of a Bidder's Bond issued by a corporate surety, a certified check, or cashier's check payable to the City of Galt, or cash. The amount of the bid security must be not less than ten percent (10%) of the Total Bid Price, consisting of the total base bid plus the total additive bid alternates. The successful Bidder shall be required to execute a Material and Labor Payment Bond and Performance Bond, issued by a corporate surety, in conformance with the requirements set forth in the Contract Documents, each for not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price.

If the lowest responsive, responsible bidder fails or refuses to execute any Contract for the Project, the City may, in its discretion, award the Contract to the second lowest, responsive responsible bidder. If the second lowest responsible, responsible bidder fails or refuses to execute any Contract for the Project, the City may, in its discretion, award that and all other Contracts for the Project to the third lowest, responsive responsible bidder. Any Bidder to whom any Contract for the Project is awarded who fails to execute the Contract and file acceptable bonds and insurance certificates as required in the Contract Documents will have its Bid Guarantee forfeited.

Pursuant to California Public Contracts Code, any contract awarded pursuant to this Notice to Contractors shall obtain a provision permitting, at the Contractors' sole expense, the substitution of securities for any moneys withheld to ensure performance under the Contract. The terms of such provisions shall be according to the requirements of the Public Contracts Code Section 22300.

No Bid received and read aloud may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the bid opening date, except pursuant to California Public Contract Code Section 5101 et seq.

The City reserves the right to award the Contract, to reject any or all Bids, to waive non-material and inconsequential irregularities in any Bid, and to reject nonconforming, nonresponsive, non-responsible, or conditional Bids.

/s/ Trung Trinh

Trung Trinh, P.E.

Interim Public Works Director

City of Galt

Date

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ABOUT TOWN

Continuing through Monday, Feb. 16

Circus Alegria – at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds. More than just a circus; an inflatable park is included, too! Tickets, showtimes, and more information at circusalegria.com. 413 E. Lockeford St., Lodi.

Friday, Feb. 13

Galentine's Bingo – 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Loel Senior Center. Get ready for an evening of fun, friendship and philanthropy at Bingo night hosted by the Junior League of San Joaquin County. Gather your friends and enjoy classic bingo games while supporting a great local organization. \$45 per person includes one Bingo card (six games) and one drink ticket. Food will be available for purchase. Call Nicole at 209-298-4293 for more information. 105 S. Washington St., Lodi.

Treat Yourself: A Galentine's Market – 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Papas & Wings. Grab your besties and get ready for the ultimate girls' night out. Join the Galt Chamber for this fun night filled with all your favorite things. Enjoy a delicious appetizer bar, wine tasting and DJ while you browse a curated market of amazing local vendors. Get your tickets today at galtchamber.org. 803 C St.

Saturday, Feb. 14 and Sunday Feb. 15

Lodi Wine & Chocolate Weekend – at participating wineries and venues. This 29th annual celebration invites wine lovers to explore the Lodi appellation. Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., enjoy a self-guided passport-style tour through more than 30 participating wineries. Your \$75 Saturday ticket includes a stemless wine glass, gourmet chocolate treat and admission and tastings (must be age 21+). Sunday, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Appellation Lodi, Wine & Roses Resort and Spa. Your \$95 Sunday ticket includes a long-stem wine glass, wine tastings on site, brunch-style small bites and artisan chocolate samples. Tickets available at lodiwineandchocolate.com. 2505 W. Turner Road, Lodi.

Saturday, Feb. 14

Ramble through the Bramble – 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Lodi Lake. Signs of spring are starting to show. Join the Friends of Lodi Lake for a family-friendly nature walk led by knowledgeable Nature Area docents. For more information, contact friendsoflodilake.org. 1101 W. Turner Road, Lodi.

Locke Chinese New Year Celebration – noon to 4 p.m. in Historic Locke. Come visit the only surviving rural Chinese town in the United States. Experience lion dance and martial arts, Chinese music, arts and crafts, guest lectures and more. Suitable for families and children; admission and parking are free. 13916 Main St., Walnut Grove.

San Joaquin County Horseman's Association Crab Feed – 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Micke Grove Memorial Building. Enjoy a dinner featuring crab, tri-tip, pasta, salad, vegetables and bread, along with a raffle, dessert auction, prizes, music and more. For more information or tickets, contact Darla McCallister at 209-992-7927 or Della Gaar, 209-982-1699. 11793 N. Micke Grove Road, Lodi.

Lodi Arts Foundation Art & Music Salon – 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Charlene Powers Lange Performing Arts Theatre. You are invited to an evening of entertainment and enrichment in a relaxed café-style setting, featuring vocalist Melissa Modifer. Guests will also enjoy

original artwork by local artists Marilyn Eager and Patti Kennedy, with pieces available for browsing and purchase. There will also be a wine-pull fundraiser. All proceeds benefit the Lodi Arts Foundation. 125 S. Hutchins St., Lodi.

Sunday, Feb. 15

Do California Native Plants Need Winter Coats? – docent-led tour at the Nature Center at Shumway Oak Grove Regional Park. See how native plants in the Central Valley cope with winter. Which ones disappear completely, and which ones are in their full glory? 4520 W. Eight Mile Road, Stockton.

Saturday, Feb. 21

NorCal Science Festival – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lodi High School. This free, family-friendly celebration of science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics (STEAM) features interactive exhibits, live demonstrations and engaging activities designed to spark curiosity at every age. Students, educators and science lovers from across the region are invited to join a day packed with discovery. More information at norcalsciencefestival.org. 3 S. Pacific Ave., Lodi.

Raptor Rescue Talk – 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Amphitheater at Shumway Oak Grove Regional Park. Enjoy this wild presentation by Tri County Wildlife Care, featuring its amazing ambassador raptors and other animal friends. 4520 W. Eight Mile Road, Stockton.

4th Annual Pasta & Bingo Night – 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Littleton Center. Join the Saint Martin Foundation for its annual fundraising event. \$40 adults, \$25 child includes pasta dinner, five Bingo games and entry for a door prize. Raffle tickets and extra Bingo cards will also be for sale. 410 Civic Drive.

Stockton Police K9 Connection Crab Feed – Doors open at 5:30 p.m. at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds. Enjoy a great time with crab dinner, dance, raffle prizes and music. All proceeds benefit the Stockton K9 Connection. For tickets or event information, contact Eric Hutton, 916-284-6381 or Jenny Sahagan, 805-616-7343. 413 E. Lockeford St., Lodi.

Thursday, Feb. 26

2026 Lodi Lottery for the Arts – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Lodi Community Art Center. This special fundraising event helps keep the doors open and the programs thriving at the Lodi Community Art Center. Each \$135 ticket guarantees an artwork valued at more than \$135, sometimes much more. Artists and supporters have generously contributed beautiful work currently on display in the gallery through all of February. Tickets will be drawn at the event. 110 W. Pine St., Lodi.

Ongoing Events

Blood, Sweat and Gears Car Club – 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Foothill Pizza in Lockeford. Fourth Friday each month, cruise-in pizza and pistons. All years, makes and models welcome. Next event, Friday, Feb. 27. 18970 N. Highway 88, Lockeford.

Galt Café & Cars – every second Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon at Café Latte. Open to cars, trucks, bicycles, motorcycles and anything else with wheels. Next event is Saturday, Feb. 14. 1000 C St.

Twin Cities Cruisers Cars and Coffee – last Sunday of every month, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at "Life's Grind" coffee house located in the Raley's shopping center. All makes and models are welcome. This is

a family-oriented event: No burnouts, no loud music, no drinking alcohol. 10420 Twin Cities Road.

Wilton Bingo – First Saturday each month. The next bingo will be on Saturday, March 7 in the Wilton Community Center. Doors open at 5 p.m. with food available for sale and bingo starts at 6 p.m. All proceeds go to two nonprofits: the local Park Council and the Wilton History Group. 9717 Colony Road at Dillard Road, Wilton.

Library Events

Sacramento County Libraries have the following upcoming events at (G) Galt Marian O. Lawrence Library, 1000 Caroline Ave. and (WG) Walnut Grove, 14177 Market St.

Friday, Feb. 13: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (G) English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G)

Monday, Feb. 16: Libraries closed in observance of Presidents' Day.

Wednesday, Feb. 18: English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G)

Friday, Feb. 20: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (G) English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G) Bad art night for adults, 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. (WG)

Call 916-264-2920 or 800-561-4636 for more information on any of these events.

Veterans Meetings

American Legion Post 55, Veterans and Auxiliary Units – fourth Wednesdays; dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m. Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove. Breakfast: second Saturday, 8-10 a.m., 8830 Sharkey Ave., Elk Grove.

American Legion Post 233 and Auxiliary Unit 233 – fourth Thursdays; dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road, Elk Grove.

Post 233 Family Breakfast – first Saturdays, 9 a.m., Mimi's Café, corner of Laguna Boulevard and West Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove. For more information, call Henry at 916-205-9296 C or Sue at 916-683-6128 H.

Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 233 – first Monday each month at 5:45 p.m. at the Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove.

Marine Corps League Detachment #1238 – first Thursday each month. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District 56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove.

VFW Post 2073 – second Thursday. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District 56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove. For more information, call 916-684-3849. ★

POLICE LOGS

During the time period of Feb. 3 to Feb. 9, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in eight arrests.

Feb. 3

11:06 a.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Galt High School, North Lincoln Way.

11:56 a.m., Domestic Violence/Adult Arrest, 7-Eleven on Pine Street.

1:43 p.m., Theft reported, Walmart on Twin Cities Road: Purse was stolen from vehicle passenger seat while being distracted by other subjects.

7:16 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Highway 99 Northbound/Walnut Avenue.

Feb. 4

12:23 a.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, Fairway Drive/C Street.

9:45 a.m., Vandalism reported, Hudson Bay Apartments on Lake Park Avenue: Daughter's ex-boyfriend was allegedly tampering with front window.

Feb. 5

10:55 a.m., Fraud reported, First Street.

Feb. 6

7:30 a.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, West A Street/Sterling Oak Drive.

Feb. 7

6:39 a.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, Glendale Avenue/

Fairway Drive.

Feb. 8

1:23 p.m., Domestic Violence/Adult Arrest, Ripken Avenue/Ambrogio Way.

7:36 Hit and Run/Non-Injury, West E Street.

Feb. 9

1:06 p.m., Vandalism reported, Beeler Way/Cottrell Way: Multiple overturned concrete park benches.

1:36 p.m., Fraud reported, Sunset Drive: Reporting party scammed out of money by unknown online business.

1:36 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Oakwilde Street. ★

MEETING MINDERS

Friday, Feb. 13

Galt Sunrise Rotary, 7 a.m., Comfort Inn & Suites, 10380 Twin Cities Road, 209-745-6617.

Saturday, Feb. 14

Kiwanis Club of Galt meets at 8:30 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month at the Comfort Inn, 10380 Twin Cities Road. For more information, visit k13878.site.kiwanis.org/contact.

Tuesday, Feb. 17

Galt City Council, 6 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive.

Wednesday, Feb. 18

Cosumnes CSD, 5 p.m., Elk Grove CSD

boardroom, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd.

Galt Elementary School Board, 7 p.m., City Hall, 380 Civic Drive, 209-745-4545.

Thursday, Feb. 19

Galt Beautification Committee, 10 a.m., Community Development Dept., 495 Industrial Drive, 209-366-7130.

Galt High School Board, 6 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive.

Herald Fire Protection District, 6 p.m., Station 87, 12746 Ivie Road, 209-748-2322.

Friday, Feb. 20

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California Gas Prices Edge Higher as February Kicks Off

Gas prices are up as spring nears but are still cheaper than 2025 prices.

AAA Mountain West Group News Release

CALIFORNIA (MPG) - The month of February is kicking off with higher gas prices across California. The statewide average for a gallon of regular gasoline rose 13 cents since last week to \$4.39. That price is still 11 cents lower than this time last year.

The national average for a gallon of regular is up a couple of cents from last week at \$2.89. Current prices remain below what they were this time last year when the national average was \$3.12.

"Gasoline demand is down as fewer drivers hit the road during the recent winter storms. But this is the time of year when pump prices start nudging higher, as spring approaches and refineries start making the switch to summer-blend gasoline production," said Doug Johnson, spokesperson, AAA Mountain West Group.

Fuel prices around the state vary by city, with San Francisco reporting the highest average at \$4.61 per gallon, followed by Oakland at \$4.46 and San Jose at \$4.39. Sacramento's average stands at \$4.37, while Fresno reports \$4.31, and Stockton has the lowest among these cities at \$4.25 per gallon.

According to new data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), gasoline demand decreased last week from 8.75 million b/d to 8.15 million. Total domestic gasoline supply increased from 257.2



This is the time of year when pump prices start nudging higher, as spring approaches and refineries start making the switch to summer-blend gasoline production. Photo courtesy of Freepik

million barrels to 257.9 million. Gasoline production decreased last week, averaging 9.0 million barrels per day.

Oil Market Dynamics

At the close of Feb. 5 formal trading session, WTI rose \$1.93 to settle at \$65.14 a barrel. The Energy Information Administration reports crude oil inventories decreased by 3.5 million barrels from the previous week. At 420.3 million barrels,

U.S. crude oil inventories are about 4% below the five-year average for this time of year.

EV Charging

The national average per kilowatt hour of electricity at a public EV charging station remains at 38 cents. In California, the average cost is 42 cents.

Gas

The nation's top 10 most expensive

gasoline markets are Hawaii (\$4.40), California (\$4.39), Washington (\$3.97), Nevada (\$3.51), Oregon (\$3.49), Alaska (\$3.46), Washington, DC (\$3.09), Arizona (\$3.08), Pennsylvania (\$3.08), and Illinois (\$3.03).

The nation's top 10 least expensive gasoline markets are Oklahoma (\$2.36), Arkansas (\$2.44), Texas (\$2.45), Mississippi (\$2.45), Kansas (\$2.47), Louisiana (\$2.49), Missouri (\$2.50), Tennessee (\$2.50), Iowa (\$2.54), and Alabama (\$2.55).

Electric

The nation's top 10 most expensive states for public charging per kilowatt hour are West Virginia (51 cents), Alaska (48 cents), Hawaii (45 cents), Louisiana (45 cents), New Hampshire (43 cents), California (42 cents), South Carolina (41 cents), New Jersey (41 cents), Alabama (41 cents), and Tennessee (41 cents).

The nation's top 10 least expensive states for public charging per kilowatt hour are Kansas (25 cents), Wyoming (27 cents), Missouri (27 cents), Nebraska (29 cents), Delaware (31 cents), Utah (31 cents), Maryland (31 cents), Iowa (32 cents), Vermont (32 cents), and Michigan (33 cents).

Drivers can find current gas and electric charging prices along their route using the AAA Mobile App, now available on CarPlay. Find current fuel prices at gasprices.aaa.com. Find local news releases at mwg.aaa.com/news/press-release. ★

Assembly Democrats Refuse to Stop a Double Tax on Drivers

Lawmakers vote against stopping a per-mile driving tax from being added on top of the gas tax

Assembly Republican Caucus News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Recently, Assembly Democrats passed a bill to study a new mileage tax in addition to the gas tax. Feb. 2, they doubled down by

refusing to add protections that would stop drivers from being charged twice.

Republicans offered a proposal, ACA 12 (Wallis), that would have required clear taxpayer protections to be written into the California Constitution before any per-mile

driving tax could move forward. Those protections would not allow a mileage tax to be added on top of the gas tax and require any per-mile charge to be fair and uniform.

"First, they want to tax gasoline and ban combustion engines to force California drivers into

electric vehicles, then they realize that means less revenues from gas taxes so they come up with a mileage tax to cover the difference," said Assemblymember Heath Flora.

"This is the last thing we should be thinking about; creative ways

to tax Californians who already pay among the highest taxes while having the highest cost-of-living in the country."

By voting down the proposal, Assembly Democrats made it clear they intend to charge Californians twice just to drive. ★

United Way to Help Residents this Tax Season

United Way Capital Region News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Local residents throughout the Sacramento region are eligible to file their taxes for free through United Way California Capital Region's Free Tax Prep program that runs through April 15.

Households that earned less than \$68,000 in 2025 can file for free, and trained tax volunteers will help maximize cash back from state and federal credits, including the federal and state Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC and CalEITC).

United Way's Free Tax Prep program saves participants an average of \$200 in preparer fees. The program provides free tax help virtually and in person in multiple languages and locations across Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento and Yolo counties. United Way recommends filing as early as possible to receive tax credits sooner. For more information or to sign up: www.YourFreeTaxPrep.org or call 2-1-1.

This year, the local United



Members of United Way's Free Tax Prep team help a client sign in to have her taxes prepared in 2025. The program is now open for the current tax season. Photo courtesy of United Way

Way is partnering with Yuba-Sutter-Colusa United Way to offer its Free Tax Prep program in Colusa, Sutter and Yuba counties as well. For services in that region, call 844-546-1464.

"At United Way, we believe every family deserves the dignity and peace of mind that comes from financial stability," said Dr. Dawnté Early, president and CEO, United Way

California Capital Region. "Our Free Tax Prep program is more than a service; it's an opportunity for our community to keep more of what they've earned and to build a stronger foundation for the future. When we remove barriers and open doors, families thrive – and when families thrive, our entire region grows stronger together."

Since 2020, United Way's Free

Tax Prep program has helped more than 28,000 people across the region file their taxes for free, with nearly \$40 million received in total federal refunds.

For those interested in volunteering for the program, more Free Tax Prep volunteers are needed. Each year, hundreds of Free Tax Prep volunteers donate their time helping people file taxes online or at dozens

of in-person sites. For more information, visit www.YourFreeTaxPrep.org.

United Way California Capital Region has been a driving force across the region for more than 100 years, listening, responding and taking comprehensive action to meet local needs. From advancing youth opportunities and helping kids excel in school, to strengthening local communities and investing in families' financial security and health, United Way mobilizes communities to build a future where everyone can reach their full potential and thrive.

Working across Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento and Yolo counties, the local United Way provides books and literacy tutoring, addresses housing and food security, leads the region's largest tax preparation initiative, works with foster youth across school districts, launched the region's first guaranteed income program and leads the Community Schools initiative in West Sacramento. To make a donation, visit www.YourLocalUnitedWay.org. ★

Sacramento Educators Among Statewide Education Grant Recipients

SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union, Education Foundation for California Schools News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Education Foundation for California Schools, a nonprofit created by SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union and the Orange County Department of Education, awarded 95 grants to teachers in California to support programs that inspire students to learn and excel in core subjects, including language arts, science, mathematics, foreign language and social studies.

The grants, awarded in \$1,000 and \$5,000 funding levels, totaled more than \$280,000. The Education Foundation for California Schools awards grants to California teachers from kindergarten to community college. Grants may be used to purchase materials or equipment to support the development of new programs in core subjects.

Among the 95 educators honored statewide, seven Sacramento County teachers were selected to receive grants, a distinction shared by only 12 counties across California.

"For more than two decades, the teacher grant program has celebrated the passion and innovation of California's educators," said Josh Smith, vice president, school and community

relations at SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union and executive director of the Education Foundation. "These grants help educators teach in meaningful ways by bringing new educational resources into the classroom, expanding learning opportunities for their students."

Grant recipients represent 45 school districts spanning Northern and Southern California Placer, Sacramento and Yuba counties.

About SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union

SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union is the largest credit union serving school employees and their families, and for the seventh year in a row, Forbes has named SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union the top credit union in California. The organization is dedicated to delivering World-Class Personal Service and improving the financial lives of its members.

In J.D. Power's 2025 inaugural U.S. Credit Union Satisfaction Study, its members ranked them #1 for overall satisfaction. Today they serve more than 1.5 million members with a full range of financial products and services. SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union was founded in 1934, when 126 school employees pooled \$1,200 and established a member-owned cooperative to help improve each other's

lives. The credit union has more than \$35 billion in assets and remains the largest credit union in California and the third largest credit union in the United States. For more information about SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union, visit schoolsfirstfcu.org. Insured by the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA).

About the Education Foundation for California Schools

The Education Foundation for California Schools is a nonprofit, 501 (c) (3) organization founded in 2003 by SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union and the Orange County Department of Education to provide financial assistance to teachers in California public and private schools through grants. The grants help fund educational programs that impact students throughout the state. Every year, grants are awarded to California teachers from kindergarten to community college and can be used for materials or equipment to support the development of new educational programs in core subjects. Since 2003, more than 1,000 teachers have received grants totaling more than \$2.5 million. Applications are submitted in October each year and are chosen based on various factors. For more information about the Education Foundation for California Schools, visit caeducationfoundation.org. ★

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

AA 24-Hour Hotline

For help with an alcohol-related problem, call the Alcoholics Anonymous 24-hour hotline at 209-745-1525.

Nar-Anon Family Group Meetings

Narcotics Anonymous (Nar-Anon) family group meetings for friends and family members who are dealing with drug addiction are held locally from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Saturdays at the Galt United Methodist Church, 571 C St. in Galt.

Nominate Your Neighbor

The Galt Beautification Committee wants you to "nominate your neighbor." Has your neighbor recently completed a yard project?

Does your neighbor have the best flowers in town or the best-looking yard? The Galt Beautification Committee wants to know.

Send an email with pictures and why you are nominating your neighbor to planningdivision@cityofgalt.org. The best submissions will be included in future newsletters and City Manager Updates.

Senior Bingo Weekly at Chabolla

The Galt Commission on Aging is hosting free Senior Bingo games at the Chabolla Community Center at 600 Chabolla Ave. from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Mondays (except holidays and when required by the city).

Seniors of Galt and its immediate vicinity are invited to have fun and play bingo together and socialize.

Library Offers Older Adults Computer Time

In cooperation with the Galt Commission on Aging, the Galt-Marian O. Lawrence Library will schedule a set time for older adults to use its computers, upon request.

Those 65 and older who want computer time can call the library at 916-264-2920. Staff will help set up the computer or tablet.

The library is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays at 1000 Caroline Ave.

Square Dance Classes Mondays

The Diamond Dancers Square Dance Club hosts social square-dancing classes in Galt.

The classes are open to everyone and are held from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays at the Valley Oaks Grange Hall.

The Valley Oaks Grange Hall is at 347 Fifth St. For more information, call Sue Regadanz at 916-835-8916.

Meals on Wheels Cafe Accepting Older Adults

Meals on Wheels is accepting new

participants in its Galt All Seasons Café located in the Chabolla Community Center, 600 Chabolla Ave.

The cafe is open at 11:30 a.m. Mondays through Fridays for adults age 60 and older.

Those interested can apply at the Chabolla Center when meals are being served or they can call 916-444-9533.

Recycle Household Batteries

City of Galt residents can recycle their household batteries in one of two green household-battery recycling bins: on the west side at the front entrance to the Galt Police Department or on the east side at Galt Community Park, just west of the fire station.

The green bin is only for dry-cell household batteries. For additional information, contact the Public Works Department at 209-366-7260.

'True Believers Finding Peace and Love' Meeting

The discussion is offered at 3 p.m. every first Saturday of the month at Calvary Life Tabernacle, 446 Third St. For more information, contact Sue Ellen Williams at 818-290-4093.

Volunteers Sought for Senior Resource Center

The Commission on Aging is looking for volunteers to operate a computer

and are willing to answer questions from seniors in person, over the phone, on social media and by email at the Galt Senior Resource Center.

Volunteer slots are available in two-hour increments for up to four hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, excluding holidays.

Volunteers will be trained and can contact commission members with questions.

The resource center is at the Chabolla Community Center, 600 Chabolla Ave. If interested, call 209-294-3308 and leave a message or inquire in person.

TOPS Weekly Meetings

TOPS, Taking Off Pounds Sensibly, holds meetings every Wednesday at Grace Presbyterian Church, 10 N. Mills Ave., Lodi. Meeting time: 10-10:45 a.m.

Weigh-ins: 9-9:50am. No charge for first meeting.

Sunshine Food Pantry Donations

Sunshine Food Pantry is a food closet that helps provide for residents.

Collections of canned food and dry good nonperishable items are received at United Methodist Church, 571 C St. in Galt; call to make an appointment for donations at 209-745-4133.

The food closet is open from 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. ★



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A Blast from the Past: Happy World Radio Day!

More than just a blast from the past, radios are a window to the world with music, news and talk shows to keep you informed and entertained.

According to the dayoftheyear.com website, the world used to be a much bigger place, at least when you consider the difficulty involved with transmitting information from place to place.

In the beginning, we simply had to walk and talk to one another, and then we were able to write and exchange letters. Ideas and music treaded the world at a snail's pace as compared to today. But then the radio was invented, and suddenly transmitting ideas hundreds of miles became a relatively trivial matter! The world would become connected, and it would never be the same again.

A little history – Radio waves were originally discovered by one Heinrich Hertz, following on the heels of his discovery of electromagnetic radiation. Radio waves operate at a frequency of 30 hertz and 300 gigahertz.

These waves are generated by a device called transmitter. The transmitter is connected to the antennas which allow the radio waves to radiate. Finally, these



waves are received by a radio receiver that is attached to another system of antennas. While experiments were performed in using Hertz's discovery to transmit information, it wasn't until 1890 that the word radio was first applied, when the radio-conducteur was invented by French physicist Edouard Branly. Before this, all forms of communication using this discovery was known as wireless communication but eventually, radio spread across the world and became the go-to term.

Radio quickly spread to find applications in every conceivable venue, from transmitting information to broadcasting music, and even serving as a way of transmitting stories.

Long before there was Television, there was Radio Theater. Now, radio waves operate both wired and wirelessly. The

term "wireless communication" was coined in the 19th century to describe radios and other forms of technology. The wireless radio can transmit information without needing to be connected with cables and conductors.

Items with wireless radio waves include smartphones, laptops and printers. Wired devices work by connecting the two items with a cord that helps to send data, like cable television, microwave ovens and satellites.

World Radio Day is a great opportunity to remember all those years we spent traveling with a Walkman and enjoying MP3 Players, and remember when you discovered new music by what they played on the radio?

Dig out that old boom box, drag it down to the local beach or park, reconnect to your local radio community and remember what the world was like before whatever music we wanted was at our fingertips. If you can't find your old boom box, consider listening to the AM/PM radio in your car to celebrate during your commute or while you're out running errands.

I love listening to music on the radio,

in my car, in the office and in a couple of rooms in our home.

I have all the radios dialed to the same station. I know that it may seem old fashioned, but I can keep up on the latest local news, weather and traffic reports and listen to my favorite rock and roll (classic oldies).

And turn the volume up as loud as I want. There are few old-fashioned joys left in the world and listening to the radio is one of them.

Valentine's Day is tomorrow, are you ready? I am hoping for a funny card, a quiet dinner and some See's candy. And a pink peony would be nice. It's a three-day weekend! Monday is a holiday (President Day) meaning that federal, state, county and cities offices will be closed as well as schools, banks and the post offices will be closed. A good time to sit by the fire and read a book, eat a few pieces of See's candy.

Let me be one of the first to wish you a Happy Valentine's Day!

Until next week – be strong, be courageous, make a memory. ★

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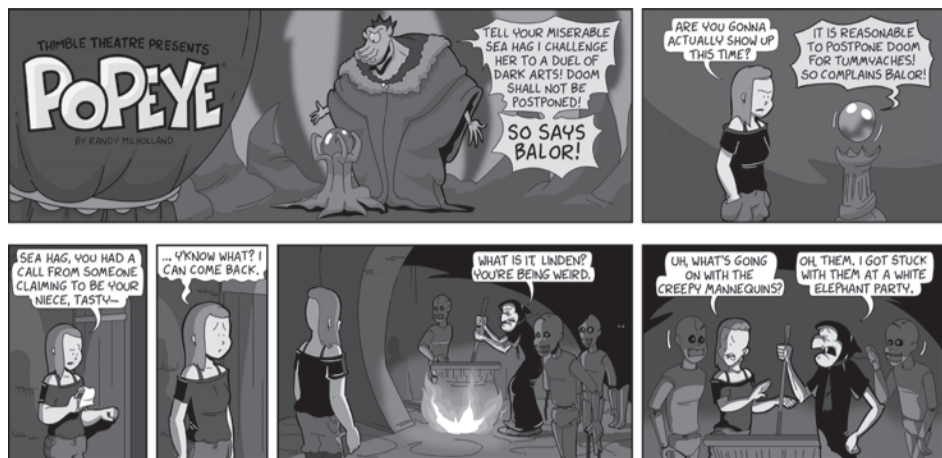
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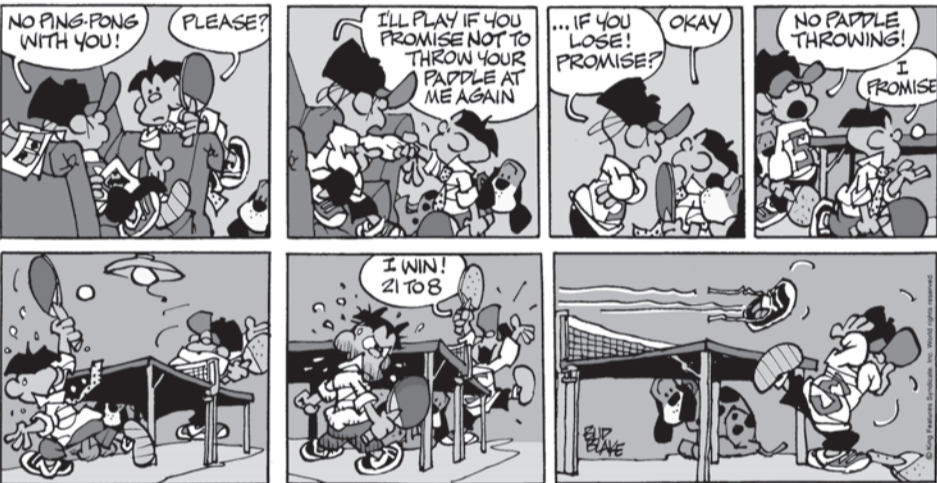
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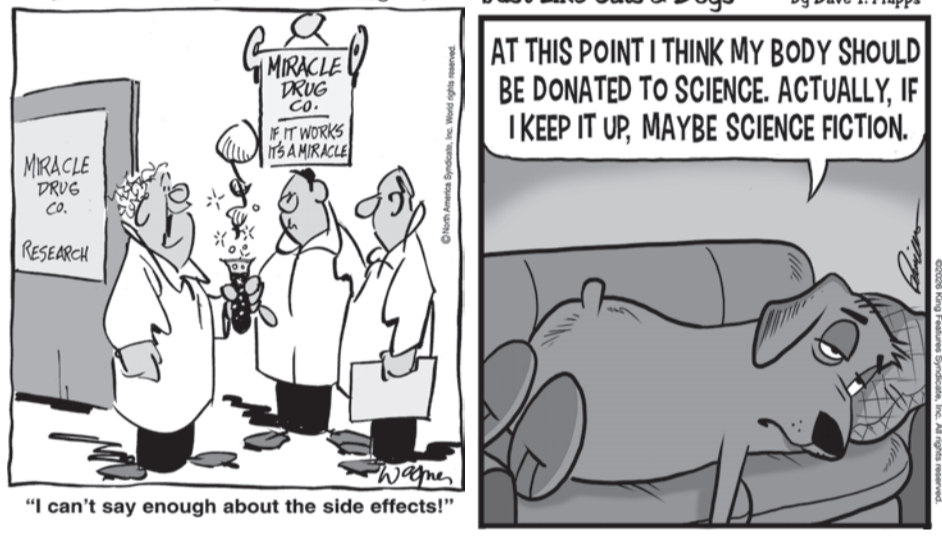
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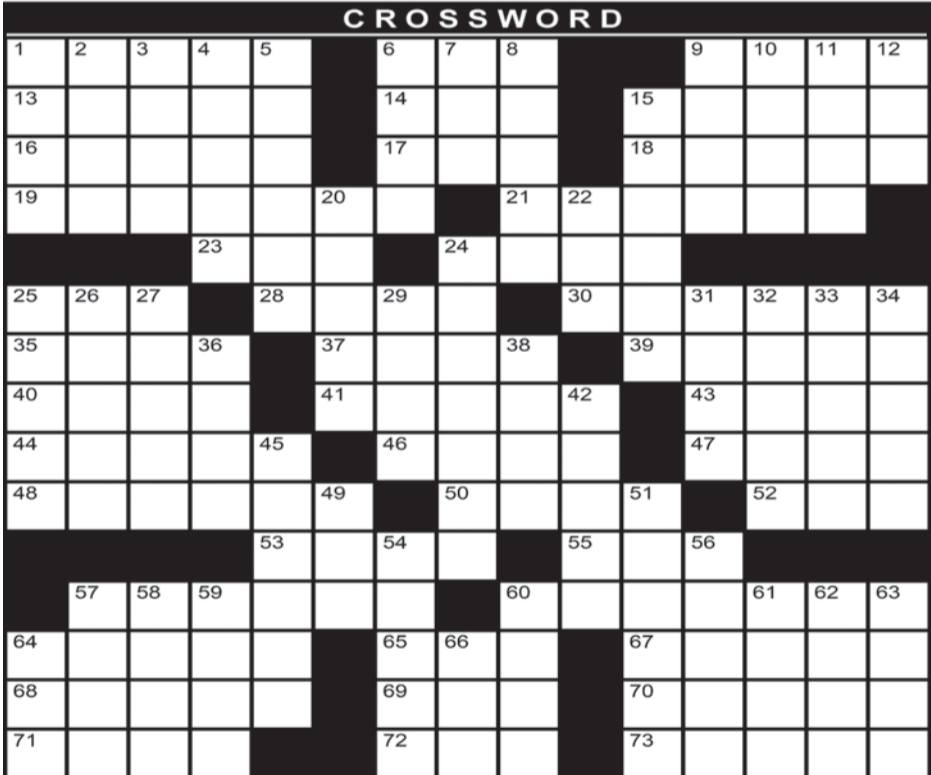
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Hawks Celebrate Their Seniors with Dominant Victory, Clinch League Title



Everett Dixon gets the jump on Rosemont. Photo by Paige Lampson

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch Hawks boys' basketball team celebrated Senior Night in style on Tuesday, honoring five graduating players before dominating Rosemont 70-36 to cap off a perfect 12-0 league season and secure the league championship. The emotional evening saw seniors Daniel Wilks, Derek Nelson, Charles Mejia, Armaan Shergill and Everett Dixon walk through a tunnel of teammates and cheerleaders alongside their parents and families before standing under the basket for recognition. The victory was a fitting tribute to a senior class that has been instrumental in building Liberty Ranch into a championship program. However, the Hawks' quest for a perfect season isn't complete yet. Two challenges remain: Bradshaw Christian, whom the Hawks edged 55-54 in a nail-biter earlier this season, and crosstown rival Galt High, whom they defeated 62-33. Both rematches will test whether Liberty Ranch can

maintain its undefeated status.

Senior guard Daniel Wilks has been the Hawks' offensive leader all season, averaging 11.5 points per game while leading the team with 264 total points. Wilks' impact extends far beyond scoring, as he also leads Liberty Ranch with 78 assists and 3.4 assists per game. His 34 steals and 70% free-throw shooting reflect his complete game and reliability in clutch moments.

Senior point guard Derek Nelson has been equally impressive, averaging 11.0 points per game and totaling 242 points. Nelson's 42% field-goal percentage and team-leading 74% free-throw shooting make him one of the most efficient scorers on the roster. He's also contributed 60 assists and 97 rebounds, making him a complete player who impacts every aspect of the game.

Senior forward Everett Dixon rounds out the Hawks' top three scorers, averaging 9.4 points per game and totaling 217 points. Dixon's 51% field-goal percentage reflects his efficiency around the basket. He's been a force



Liberty Ranch seniors Daniel Wilks, Derek Nelson, Charles Mejia, Armaan Shergill and Everett Dixon with coaches Phillip Ricci and George Ogas. Photo by Paige Lampson



Arjun Nigam dribbles around the key. Photo Courtesy of Bill Nelson



Daniel Wilks slam dunks the ball. Photo Courtesy of Bill Nelson

on the boards with 116 rebounds and 5.0 rebounds per game, while also contributing 10 blocks on the season.

Senior guard Charles Mejia may not fill up the scoring column, but his defensive impact has been

crucial to Liberty Ranch's success. Mejia leads the team with 32 steals and averages 1.7 steals per game. His ability to create turnovers and disrupt opposing offenses has been a key component of the Hawks' defensive identity.

Senior Armaan Shergill has contributed through his leadership, practice intensity and commitment to the program's culture: qualities every championship team needs.

The Hawks' success hasn't been limited to their seniors. Sophomore center Conrad Dixon has emerged as a dominant force in the paint, leading the team with 148 rebounds and 6.4 rebounds per game. His 64% field-goal percentage

leads all players and makes him nearly unstoppable around the basket. Dixon's 33 blocks and 1.4 blocks per game provide rim protection that anchors Liberty Ranch's defense.

Junior point guard Ryan Ogas has been another key contributor, recording 46 assists and 2.3 assists per game while also contributing 33 steals. His ability to facilitate the offense and create defensive pressure makes him a valuable piece of the Hawks' championship puzzle.

The 70-36 victory over Rosemont was a dominant performance that showcased everything Liberty Ranch has built this season. The Hawks controlled the game from

start to finish, never allowing Rosemont to establish any rhythm. The 34-point margin of victory was a statement that Liberty Ranch is operating at a different level than its league competition.

The championship represents validation for a program that has steadily built toward this moment. Liberty Ranch's perfect league season was the result of talent, preparation and execution at the highest level. Yet the Hawks know their work isn't finished. The one-point victory over Bradshaw Christian earlier this season proved that team can compete with them, while the crosstown rivalry with Galt always brings added intensity regardless of previous results.

As the seniors prepare to close out their high school basketball careers, they have their sights set on something special: a perfect season. With players like Conrad Dixon and Ryan Ogas, Liberty Ranch has the talent and depth to finish what it's started.

This moment belongs to Wilks, Nelson, Dixon, Mejia and Shergill. They've earned a league championship and completed a perfect 12-0 league season.

The 70-36 Senior Night victory was the perfect celebration, but these seniors want more: they want to finish their careers undefeated. ★

Galt Girls' Basketball Seniors Celebrated



The Galt Warriors girls' basketball team celebrated Senior Night earlier this month, honoring five graduating players and their families. Pictured left to right: Head Coach Jason Gaither, seniors Scarlett Gaither, Emmy Pena, Nella Feilbach, Lillian Chavez and Alaya Gunter, with Coach Steven Gunter. The five seniors have been instrumental in building the Warriors' program and will be remembered for their dedication, leadership and contributions both on and off the court. Courtesy photo

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Warriors Celebrate Seniors with Hard-Fought Draw Against Union Mine



Brianna Romero heads the ball away from Galt's goal.



Forward Bayley Miller battles a Union Mine defender.

Story and Photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - Senior Night at Galt High School brought both celebration and frustration on Tuesday, Feb. 6, as the Warriors girls soccer team honored six graduating players before battling Union Mine to a 1-1 draw. While the result wasn't what the seniors had hoped for in their final home match, the evening was a fitting tribute to the players who have built Galt's program into a playoff contender.

Before kickoff, seniors Bayley Miller, Katy Dalton, Nora Werdon, Shayla China, Shantiny Lemus and Maya Hernandez were escorted onto the field by their families in an emotional ceremony that recognized their contributions to the program. The six seniors have been instrumental in establishing Galt as a force in league play, making history by being the first Galt girls soccer team to win league last season.

Once the ceremony

concluded, the Warriors were determined to send their seniors off with a victory. Sophomore Brianna Romero gave Galt the early lead it was looking for, scoring in the first half to put the Warriors ahead 1-0. Senior Shantiny Lemus, one of the players being honored, provided the assist on Romero's goal, creating a perfect Senior Night moment.

Romero continued her exceptional season with the goal, bringing her season total to eight goals to go along with a team-leading 20 assists. Her 36 points rank second on the team and reflect her importance to every aspect of Galt's attack.

The Warriors controlled much of the match after taking the lead, looking to protect the advantage and give their seniors the home victory they deserved. However, Union Mine refused to cooperate with the Senior Night script. The visitors broke through near the end of the second half, finding the equalizer that denied Galt the full three points. Despite

pressing desperately for a winner in the closing minutes, the Warriors were unable to recapture the lead.

The draw was particularly frustrating given that Galt had defeated Union Mine 2-1 earlier in the season. However, the result keeps the Warriors firmly in playoff position as they prepare for the postseason.

For senior Bayley Miller, the draw couldn't diminish what has been a spectacular final season. Miller leads the team with an impressive 20 goals, averaging 1.8 goals per game. Her 44 points pace the squad and make her one of the most dangerous scorers in the league. Miller's ability to find the back of the net consistently has been the foundation of Galt's offensive success.

Senior Katy Dalton has also been a key contributor, averaging 0.7 goals per game and providing additional scoring punch that gives the Warriors multiple weapons. Her presence alongside Miller has created matchup problems for opponents all season.



The Galt High Senior Soccer players, with Coach Alejandro Renteria, are Shayla China, Katie Dalton, Maya Hernandez, Bayley Miller, Shantiny Lemus and Nora Werdon.

Senior Shantiny Lemus has been the facilitator in midfield, recording four assists on the season and averaging 0.8 assists per game. Her assist on Romero's goal was a fitting contribution on her Senior Night, showcasing the playmaking ability that has made her such a valuable piece of Galt's system.

Seniors Nora Werdon, Shayla China and Maya Hernandez have also played important roles in the Warriors' success, whether through on-field contributions, leadership in practice or setting the tone for the program's culture.

The Warriors have shown they can compete with the league's best teams, including a dominant 5-1 victory over second-place Argonaut earlier in the season. However, consistency has

been a challenge, as evidenced by a 3-2 loss to those same Argonauts in the rematch.

Freshman Viviana Vega has been a revelation in her first high school season, contributing eight goals and averaging 1.3 goals per game. Vega's 19 points rank third on the team, and her versatility playing both midfield and defense makes her a valuable asset. Her emergence alongside Romero suggests Galt's program will remain competitive even as it loses six seniors.

In goal, freshman Abigail Pantoja has been solid throughout the season, recording 32 saves and averaging 2.7 saves per game, providing confidence in the Warriors' defensive third.

While the 1-1 draw may not have been the Senior

Night result the Warriors wanted, it doesn't diminish what this senior class has accomplished. They've helped establish Galt as a playoff team, created a winning culture and set standards for future Warriors to follow.

As Galt prepares for the playoffs with its third-place league standing, the seniors will have more opportunities to add to their legacy. The Warriors have the offensive firepower to compete with anyone, led by Miller's prolific scoring and supported by a balanced attack.

Now it's time for these seniors to lead one final push, hoping to extend their high school careers and bring home a playoff championship that would be the perfect ending to their Galt soccer journey.

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Hawks Honor Soccer Seniors in Emotional Celebration

Story and photo by Paige Lampson

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch Hawks boys' soccer team celebrated Senior Night on Feb. 4 in grand fashion, honoring graduating players before battling Rosemont to a 1-1 draw. The emotional pregame ceremony saw seniors Hunter Adversalo, Alex Becerra, James Rangel, Mario Rubalcava, Danny Juarez, Leyton Munoz, Miguel Aguiar, Aiden Rivera, Pedro Velasquez, Ellissua Gonzalez, Cristobal Flores, Alan Montelonga, Cesar Becerra, Gustavo Cortez, Aaron Sulamo and Jose Pacheco walk onto the pitch with their parents and loved ones, passing through a tunnel formed by teammates and cheerleaders.

While the Hawks hoped to send their large senior class off with a victory, Rosemont had other plans. The 1-1 draw was a surprising result given that Liberty Ranch had dominated the same opponent 8-2 earlier in the season.

However, the tie does little to damage the Hawks' championship aspirations, as they maintain first place in the league with an impressive 12-0-1 record. Freshman Evan Rangel made the Hawks' only goal from a spot way out on the pitch.

The stage is now set for a dramatic season finale. Liberty Ranch must face crosstown rival Galt High School one more time, and that match will determine the league championship. Galt enters the showdown with a 12-1 record, meaning the Warriors could either capture the title outright with a victory or force a shared championship similar to last year's outcome.

Senior Danny Juarez has been the offensive catalyst for Liberty Ranch all season, leading the team with 21 goals and averaging 1.2 goals per game. His 45 points pace the Hawks and make him one of the most prolific scorers in the league. Juarez's ability to find the back of the net in crucial moments has been instrumental in Liberty

Ranch's undefeated league run.

Junior Christian Maciel has been the perfect complement to Juarez, serving as both scorer and facilitator. Maciel has contributed 11 goals while leading the team with 16 assists, averaging 0.9 assists per game. His 38 points rank second on the squad, and his vision and passing ability have made him the engine that drives Liberty Ranch's attack.

Junior Isaac Flores provides another dangerous weapon, having scored 14 goals while adding seven assists for 35 points. Flores averages 0.8 goals per game, giving Liberty Ranch a third player capable of taking over matches. The trio of Juarez, Maciel and Flores has terrorized opposing defenses all season, combining for 46 goals and creating matchup nightmares for every opponent.

Junior Beto Dominguez has been a valuable contributor as well, recording five assists and adding another dimension to an already potent Hawks



The honored Liberty Ranch senior soccer players.

attack.

In goal, the Hawks have benefited from a strong tandem. Junior Abraham Flores has been the primary goalkeeper, recording 39 saves and averaging 2.2 saves per game with 1.376 goals against average. Senior Alex Becerra, one of the players honored on Senior Night, has also contributed significantly between the posts, making 13 saves with an impressive 0.593 goals against average. The combination has given Liberty Ranch confidence in its defensive third throughout the season.

The pregame tunnel formed by teammates and cheerleaders created a memorable moment as each senior walked onto

the pitch with his family. The emotional ceremony reminded everyone in attendance that high school sports are about more than just wins and losses; they're about relationships, memories and the bonds formed through shared experiences.

The 1-1 draw with Rosemont may not have been the result the Hawks wanted on Senior Night, but it doesn't diminish what this team has accomplished. Liberty Ranch's 12-0-1 record is a testament to its consistency, talent and determination. The Hawks have dominated league play from start to finish, with their only blemish being the draw on Senior Night.

Now all attention turns

to the championship match against Galt. The crosstown rivalry will take on added significance as the league title hangs in the balance. Liberty Ranch holds a slight advantage with its undefeated record, but Galt's only loss came earlier in the season, and the Warriors will be hungry for revenge and a championship.

For the 16 seniors, one final match remains to cap their high school careers. A victory would mean an outright league championship and the perfect ending to their Liberty Ranch soccer journey. The stage is set, the stakes are clear, and the entire community will be watching when these crosstown rivals meet to decide the championship.

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Galt Girls Wrestling Makes History with First-Ever League Championship

By Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - History was made as the Galt High School girls wrestling team captured the program's first-ever league championship at the SVC Sac-Joaquin League Tournament. In a sport that is rapidly emerging across California, the Warriors have positioned themselves at the forefront, delivering a dominant performance that saw 10 wrestlers place in the top three of their weight classes.

Three Warriors claimed individual league titles, leading the way to the team championship. Madysen Gutierrez, Margareth Cacnio and Isabella Miranda each captured first-place finishes in their respective weight classes.

The Warriors' dominance extended beyond the champions, with five

wrestlers earning second-place finishes. Taylor Bentley, Jacqueline Dahl, Jordyn Asuncion, Nikolette Gonzales and Saide Mejia all reached the finals of their weight classes, showcasing the program's strength across the lineup. Additionally, Hoa Le and Zoe Smith each placed third, rounding out a remarkable team performance.

The results mean that all 10 placing wrestlers have qualified for the Central Regional Tournament at Tokay High School, where they'll compete for spots at the Masters Tournament.

Women's wrestling has experienced explosive growth in recent years, with California leading the charge in providing opportunities for female athletes. The sport was officially sanctioned by the California Interscholastic Federation in 2018, and participation numbers have skyrocketed as more schools add programs

and more young women discover their passion for wrestling.

Galt's first league championship comes at a pivotal moment in the sport's development. These Warriors aren't just winning matches; they're pioneers, helping to establish the standards and traditions that future generations will build upon. Their success will inspire younger girls in the community to step onto the mat and continue the legacy.

The road to the league championship required dedication, sacrifice and countless hours in the practice room. Each wrestler on the team has pushed herself and her teammates to reach new levels, creating a culture of excellence that produced this historic result.

As the Warriors prepare for the Central Regional Tournament at Tokay High School, they carry the momentum of a



Ten Galt High girls' wrestlers placed in the top three of their weight classes. Photo courtesy of John Van Den Raadt.

league championship and the confidence that comes from knowing they're among the best in the region. Congratulations to the entire Galt girls' wrestling team on making history and bringing home the program's first-ever league championship.

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